

SCOTTSDALE – U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell and U.S. Senator Jim Webb of Virginia will host a roundtable discussion

:

“Going Back to School

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Implementing the New G.I. Bill,” which will feature

student veterans, financial aid counselors and key veterans advocates at

noon Wednesday, August 27, at the American Legion National Convention being held at the Phoenix Convention Center.

Mitchell and Sen. Webb were the primary sponsors of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act, otherwise known as the New G.I. Bill, that will extend educational benefits to all members of the military who have served on active duty since September 11, 2001, including activated reservists and National Guard.

“We’ve made good on our promise to those who serve that if you volunteer, the military will help open the doors to new opportunity and achievement

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Mitchell said. “I am thrilled that Senator Webb could be on hand for this important discussion because he understands that we must now work hard

to ensure that there are no barriers to implementation.

Beginning

next year, thousands of student veterans will begin pursuing higher education, and it is

important that they know what benefits their service entitles them to receive.”

The New G.I. Bill was signed into law on June 30, 2008.